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SUBJ: PRICE INCREASE FOR FERTILIZER AND WHEAT AND EXPORT DUTY  
FOR COARSE RICE AND COTTON YARN

1. MARCH 31 EDITION GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PAK TIMES  
REPORTS GOP ANNOUNCED MARCH 30 THAT IT WILL INCREASE  
SUPPORT PRICE OF WHEAT FROM RS. 20 TO RS. 22.50/ MAUND  
(1 MAUND - 82 LBS.). ISSUE PRICE OF WHEAT FLOUR AT GOP  
RATION SHOPS IS TO BE MAINTAINED AT RS. 18.37/ MAUND.  
ARTICLE REPORTS THAT PRICE FOR WHEAT FLOUR ( ATTA) AT THE  
GOP RATION SHOPS IS ONE- HALF RATE PREVALENT IN NEIGHBORING  
COUNTRIES BUT DESPITE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS AND  
IMPERATIVE NEED OF FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PURPOSES, THE  
GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE SUBSIDIZING WHEAT FLOUR  
FOR BENEFIT OF CONSUMERS WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY A HIGHER  
PRICE FOR ATTA.

2. THE PRICE FOR FERTILIZER WAS INCREASED FROM  
RS. 35/ BAG (50 KGS.) OF DAP AND UREA TO RS. 44 AND  
RS. 42, RESPECTIVELY.

3. THE CURRENT PRICE OF SUGAR CANE OF RS. 4.40,  
RS. 4.25 AND RS. 4.00/ MAUND IN THE SIND, PUNJAB AND  
NWFP, RESPECTIVELY, IS TO BE MAINTAINED FOR THE NEXT  
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TWO YEARS.

4. THE GOP ALSO ANNOUNCED AN AD VALOREM EXPORT DUTY OF 30 PERCENT ON EXPORT OF COARSE RICE IN SUBSTITUTION OF EXISTING SPECIFIC DUTIES OF RS. 7/ CWT AND A DUTY OF 20 PERCENT AND VALOREM ON THE EXPORT OF COTTON YARN WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. IN ADDITION, AN EXPORT DUTY OF 20 PAISA/ LB. WILL BE CHARGED ON YARN OF COUNTS 21-24.

5. MISSION COMMENTS AS TO EFFECT OF THESE PRICE INCREASES WILL FOLLOW.  
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